



Scott Welch

City Council Candidate-At Large

My name is Scott Welch, and I am running for a councilor-at-large seat on the Concord City Council. I am 58 years old and live with my wife Anne and my three golden retrievers and four morkies. I was born in Concord, and have lived here most of my life. I am running for the city council because I believe the city is headed in the wrong direction. Growth for the sake of growth does not make for a financially stable local economy, and an ever increasing property tax burden on people whose jobs aren't paying them comparably higher wages, and whose costs in education and health care continue to escalate, are being forced to make tough decisions, while our city council needlessly spends money on non-essential equipment, and ill-thought out renovations to the downtown area at twice its estimated cost. In the meantime, the Sewalls Falls Bridge, a problem that should have been addressed years ago, now becomes a major safety concern while the cost to replace it has continued to climb.

This upcoming local election on November 5th isn't about Bearcats and Free Staters, it's about priorities, and we need to get those priorities in order quickly. Our priorities for the City of Concord should be:

1. Listen to the people of Concord, and make their priorities ours.
2. The replacement of the Sewalls Falls Bridge.
3. Re-designing and renovating the Concord Public Library, making better use of electronic technologies.
4. Bringing a grocery store to Penacook at the old tannery site.
5. Having the private sector provide funds for a Main Street remodel.
6. Looking into developing the old Employment Security building as a transitioning site for Concord's homeless. It could provide shelter and educational opportunities for the homeless to get back into the job market and a home.
7. Reduce unnecessary expenditures.

Sometimes I think the city cares so much about “business” that they lose sight of the people that work for those businesses. As a city, we can’t keep offering “tax incentives” to businesses at the expense of people trying to stay in their homes. As councilor-at-large, I will do my best to look at the whole picture, and spend our tax dollars as efficiently as possible. I ask for your vote on November 5th, and together, we will continue to make Concord the best place to live on earth.